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SF 2216 – Core Curriculum (LSB 6127 H8474)

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Fiscal Note Version – Amendment H-8474 to Amendment H-8432

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Description

Amendment H-8474 to Amendment H-8432 to SF 2216 (Core Curriculum) extends the deadline for school districts and accredited nonpublic schools to implement new core content standards by two years to July 1, 2014.

Background

Although Amendment H-8432 does not speak to development or implementation of assessments, federal law requires the development of new assessments for reading, math, and science in grades 3-8 and 11 when content standards are modified. The current requirements of the federal law extend to FY 2014. The federal law, known as the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act, expired in September 2007 and is operating under a continuing resolution until Congress acts to reauthorize the law.

The Iowa Department of Education has indicated, “It is highly unlikely that any reauthorization will delete standards and assessments for accountability purposes. Unless dates (or requirements) change in the reauthorization, states will still be bound by the accountability provisions in the NCLB Act of 2001 . . . as long as there are standards (and accountability), there will be a need to align assessments to standards.”

Fiscal Impact

The extension of deadlines in Amendment H-8474 does not change the fiscal impact of Amendment H-8432. The fiscal impact of Amendment H-8432 to SF 2216 is estimated to be an increase in General Fund expenditures of \$200,000 in FY 2009, \$60.1 million in FY 2010, \$58.5 million in FY 2011, and \$200,000 in FY 2012.

Source

Department of Education

/s/ Holly M. Lyons

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